

**Ruthven City Council Meeting
July 8, 2020 - 6:30 PM**

The Ruthven City Council, of the City of Ruthven, Iowa, met on the 8th Day of July, 2020, at 6:30 PM, in regular session, in Council Chambers at City Hall, pursuant to law and to the rules of said council.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor David J Kirk in the Chair, and the roll being called, the following members were present: Mitch Anderson, Jay Schoning, Marci Simington and Terrence Williams. Absent: Dustin Johnson.

City employees present: Attorney David Stein, David Conlon and Margaret Tatman.
Public present: Nancy Foertsch-LISSD and Shawn Schany-RVTC.

Motion Schoning, second Simington to approve: minutes from June 24, 2020 Council Meeting, summary list of claims and clerk's financial reports. Vote-Ayes: Anderson, Schoning, Simington and Williams Nays: None. Absent: Johnson

Shawn Schany was present from River Valley Communications to go over recent billing from RVTC to the city. After discussions on the bill were concluded he and council discussed doing a contract for fees so there is no confusion on billings in the future.

Motion Anderson, second Williams to approve the Chapter 28E Intergovernmental Agreement for Solid Waste Transfer Station Services FY 2020-2023 with Palo Alto County. Vote-Ayes: Anderson, Schoning, Simington and Williams Nays: None. Absent: Johnson

City property at 1309 to 1313 Gowrie Street was discussed. A new building to house store type businesses and other businesses is being planned. The building will be done in sections as grants and set aside funds allow. Due to state law and size of project, the building design will need to be done by architect or engineer. Clerk Tatman is checking on a USDA grant/loan program to see if funds are usable for this project.

City property at 1304 Washington Street was discussed. Motion Simington, second Williams to advertise the house and property for sale "AS IS" no warranty, minimum bid set at \$5,000.00 with understanding the property must be cleaned up within six months, hook up to City utilities and make the home livable within two years or the property reverts back to the city. Additionally, bidder wanting to view the property will need to sign a release and waiver form. Vote-Ayes: Anderson, Schoning, Simington and Williams Nays: None. Absent: Johnson

Motion Williams, second Anderson to approve Resolution No 23-2020 – A Resolution to Certify Debt Against Taxable Property Located in Ruthven, Iowa. Roll Call Vote-Ayes: Anderson, Schoning, Simington and Williams Nays: None. Absent: Johnson

Employee annual reviews were done. None of the employees requested closed session. All raises will be effective with payroll start date of July 10, 2020.

Motion Williams, second Schoning to approve a \$1.00 per hour raise for Clerk Tatman. Vote-Ayes: Anderson, Schoning, and Williams. Nays: Simington. Absent: Johnson

Motion Schoning, second Williams to approve a 3% raise (\$0.63 per hour) Public Works Director Dave Conlon. New wage \$21.50 per hour. Ayes: Anderson, Schoning, Simington and Williams Nays: None. Absent: Johnson

Motion Williams, second Anderson to approve a 3% raise (\$0.56 per hour) Street Supervisor Michael Loder. New wage \$19.24 per hour. Ayes: Anderson, Schoning, Simington and Williams Nays: None. Absent: Johnson

Motion Williams, second Schoning to approve Resolution No 22-2020, a Resolution Setting Hourly Wages for Appointed Officers and Employees for the City of Ruthven Iowa for

FY 2020-2021. Roll Call Vote-Ayes: Anderson, Schoning, Simington and Williams Nays: None. Absent: Johnson

PWD Conlon informed council the baby pool filter is leaking and is draining the pool. Part has been ordered. He mentioned they received a call from Blacktop Services they will be in town next week, weather permitting, to do street work. He also received a call from Schmillen construction stating they won't be in town until the end of August to crush the concrete pile.

City Attorney, Council members and Mayor Kirk discussed the city Facebook page with no decisions being made since this was not an agenda item. Watch the Facebook account and add it to upcoming meeting if necessary.

Motion Simington, second Williams to adjourn meeting at 8:42 p.m. Vote-Ayes: Anderson, Schoning, Simington and Williams Nays: None. Absent: Johnson

Signed:

Attest:

David J. Kirk, Mayor of Ruthven

Margaret Tatman, City Clerk